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The abject. Neither subject or object but opposed to I, self
What is abject is radically excluded
It is outside, but it also challenges

The Improper/Unclean

Loathing an item of food, a piece of filth, waste, or dung
--“dreck”

Repugnance, rejection, retching
Away from defilement, sewage, and muck

Food loathing the most elementary

The skin on milk

It abjects

The corpse, cadaver

A wound, Blood, pus, does not signify death but is what life withstands

The corpse encroaches on everything, it infects life

“Food loathing is perhaps the most elementary and most archaic form of abjection. When the eyes see or the lips touch that skin on the surface of milk—harmless, thin as a sheet of cigarette paper, pitiful as a nail paring—I experience a gagging sensation and, still farther down, spasms in the stomach, the belly: and all the organs shrivel up the body, provoke tears and bile, increase heartbeat, cause forehead and hands to perspire. Along with sight-clouding dizziness, *nausea* makes me balk at that milk cream, separates me from the mother and father who offer it.” Pp 2-3. POH

[each of the writers on disgust comes to a point of telling the irreducibly personal in order to describe the emotion, but interestingly, apparently with the assumption that others share this particular sensation with this particular provocation.] gunvor nelson film

What causes abjection:

Not being unclean

But what does not respect borders, positions, rules.

The in-between, the ambiguous, the composite.

Any crime is abject. Premeditated crime more so.

Abjection: a terror that disembody